

HOUSE RESOLUTION 163
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the supporters of St.
Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

WHEREAS, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital was established in Memphis in
1962 by the late Danny Thomas, and

WHEREAS, St. Jude's provides basic and clinical research into childhood catastrophic
diseases and treats children from throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, St. Jude's treats all children in need without regard to family financial
conditions, and

WHEREAS, St. Jude's has operating costs of three hundred and fifty six thousand
dollars a day and depends upon the generosity of thousands to Americans to finance their
operations, and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 1995 an anonymous donor mailed to St. Jude's a one
million dollar winning ticket for the McDonald's Holiday Monopoly game, and, although the
winning ticket was non-transferable, McDonald's ignored that restriction by donating a million
dollars to St. Jude, and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Ronald McDonald House, which is funded by McDonald's
Children's Charities, is located only two blocks from St. Jude's and provides housing for families
whose children are undergoing treatment at the hospital, and

WHEREAS, the giving spirit of Americans has traditionally benefited children in need and is a quality that should be encouraged and nurtured; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the anonymous donor, truly a good Samaritan, and the entire McDonald's system for their generosity and their commitment to improving the quality of life for children everywhere.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee General Assembly encourages all Tennesseans to follow their example and to reach into their hearts and make the same commitment to serving children in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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